



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Richfield, Minnesota
Special City Council Meeting
August 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettel at 6:00 p.m. in the Bartholomew Room.

Council Members Present: Debbie Goettel, Mayor; Pat Elliott; Edwina Garcia; Tom Fitzhenry; and Michael Howard (arrived 6:05 p.m.)

Staff Present: Steven L. Devich, City Manager; John Stark, Community Development Director; Wayne Kewitsch, Fire Services Director; Bill Fillmore, Municipal Liquor Operations Director; Jay Henthorne, Public Safety Director; Jim Topitzhofer, Recreation Services Director; Kristin Asher, Public Works Director; Chris Regis, Finance Manager; and Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager

Item #1	CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN ASHER AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF RICHFIELD S.R. NO. 124
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Mayor Goettel stated that she thought this was a great appointment.

Council Member Howard recounted all the assistance that Ms. Asher gave him with respect to getting up to speed on traffic and transportation issues.

M/Fitzhenry, S/Elliott to approve confirmation of the appointment of Kristin Asher as Public Works Director for the City of Richfield.

Motion carried 5-0.

Item #2	CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AND THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND ANTENNAS IN CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE RIGHT-OF-WAYS THROUGHOUT THE CITY S.R. NO. 125
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Mayor Goettel presented Staff Report No. 125.

Council Members asked for further information regarding the need for the moratorium and what led up to this request.

Finance Manager Regis summarized the events that led up to the moratorium request.

M/Goettel, S/Garcia that this constitutes the first reading of an ordinance establishing a one-year moratorium on the consideration of wireless telecommunication facilities and antennas in City, County, and State right-of-ways throughout the City and that the following resolution be adopted and that it be made part of these minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 11100

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND ANTENNAS IN CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE RIGHT-OF-WAYS, AND DIRECTING THAT A PLANNING STUDY BE CONDUCTED

Motion carried 5-0. This resolution appears as Resolution No. 11100.

Item #3	DISCUSSION OF THE 2015 REVISED/2016 PROPOSED BUDGET AND 2016 PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY
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City Manager Devich led off the discussion by making some overall comments that indicated the biggest challenges that were addressed in preparing this year's budget and tax levy.

Finance Manager Regis presented the 2015 Revised/2016 Proposed Budget and 2016 preliminary tax levy. He covered all of the major aspects of the General Fund revenues and expenditures, the elements of the overall tax levy and its predicted impacts on residential properties.

Finance Manager Regis, Assistant City Manager Dmytrenko, and the City's department directors presented a summary of each of their respective departmental budgets, including Enterprise, General, and Special Revenue Funds.

There was general discussion of the budget by the City Council and staff including responses to specific questions regarding the various departments.

Mayor Goettel thanked the staff for their work on the budget. The general consensus of the City Council was that they agreed with the direction of the 2016 budget and tax levy.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:16 p.m.

Date Approved: September 8, 2015.

Debbie Goettel
Mayor

Steven L. Devich
Acting City Clerk

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City Manager